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Invitation to Nominate Members for the
National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board

The Secretary of Agriculture has requested nominations for candidates to fill seven board seats on the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board (Board) that expire June 30, 2007. Enclosed is a press release requesting that fluid milk processors and other interested parties nominate candidates for the Board. The Secretary will select the seven Board members from nominations received by the Department of Agriculture (USDA). The terms of these new members will be for 3 years. All nominees must be in good standing with USDA.

Five of the positions on the Board represent geographic regions, and two are at-large processor positions. All nominees must be active owners or employees of a fluid milk processor for all regional positions and both at-large positions. No fluid milk processor shall be represented on the Board by more than three members. Fluid milk processors and other interested parties may submit Board nominations for regions in which they are located or market fluid milk and for at-large members.

The seven Board members with terms expiring June 30, 2007, are: Michael F. Touhey, Jr., Dean Foods Company, Region 1 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont); Charles L. Gaither, Jr., Milkco, Inc., Region 4 (Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina); Rachel A. Kylo, Kemps, L.L.C., Region 7 (Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin); Robert McCullough, H. E. Butt Grocery Company, Region 10 (Texas); James T. Wilcox, III, Wilcox Dairy Farms, L.L.C., Region 13 (Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming); Randy D. Mooney, Hiland Dairy Foods Company, L.L.C., At-Large Processor; and Teresa E. Webb, Farmland Dairies, L.L.C., At-Large Processor. Messrs. Touhey, Gaither, McCullough, Mooney, and Ms. Webb are eligible for re-nomination to serve another 3-year term.

Enclosed are copies of the nomination and background information forms. Completed forms should be mailed by November 3, 2006, to:

USDA, AMS, Dairy Programs
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If you have any questions, please contact Angie Salinas of the Promotion and Research Branch at (202) 720-6909 or via email at Angie.Salinas@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dana H. Coale
Deputy Administrator
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Enclosures

(Press Release)
(Nomination Form)
(Background Information Form)